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Washington Letter.

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as no better [than a thief, who, like R. B. Hayes, drew the salary of another man. The only difference is that these office holders have been drawing their fraudulent But, notwithstanding 1 am anxious to see republican office holders go, I cannot join to the conflicting claims of the many apin the pretty common denunciation of the new administration because it has not com- cessary to intelligent action is being rapid pleted its four years' mission in ten weeks. It acquired and it is reported that extensive To me it appears remarkable that so much changes will be made about the 30th of has been accomplished in so little time June and I can account for the denunciation of the so called tardiness of the administradenounce know nothing of what a task Mr. Cleveland and his Cabinet have before them. Ten weeks ago the President found complicated chaos of governmental machinery intimately connected with the interests of 60,000,000 of people and handling \$300,000,000 per year in the transaction of public business. He was without experience in national affairs; had not been in the time of the administration has been oc. cupied by battalions of delegations pressing rival candidates, by office seekers single, and office seekers in mobs, all good democrats so called and beautifully endorsed, it is remarkable that time has been found first consideration was, using an old figure, to keep the ship of state sailing smoothly and effectively, making the best time and preserving the precious freight of men and merchandise. Revenues had to be collected. The army, the navy, pensions, the courts, and a vast civil list had to be paid the books must be kept and ten thousand incidental processes requiring skill and experience had to be minutely carried out. The President and his Cabinet and his parwhat can be done. It is not anything to the disparagement of many of the bureau officers that have been appointed to say that they are helplessly dependent upon their republican subordinates in office for information in the commonest details of their official duty. They are at the head of

about the routine of the bureau. It would then seem to be not just the time to discharge these clerks who, however er bad politically and personally, have a skill upon which the new administration will be dependent for a time, and nothing The postoffices throughout the country are a different class of offices and they are being filled at the rate of about 100 per day or just as rapidly as the Postmaster General

they know less than any of these clerks

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1885.

startling transformation scene as soon as When she had Children, she gave them CASTORIA Mr. Cleveland was falily in office the present condition of things is very disappoint-

ing. But to those who know that startling tion, and that the latter can be attained only through careful and well considered action. there is much for encouragement. The magnitude of the wholesome changes that have taken place is known best by those who will never tell it. All the Republican clerks in all the departments are working \$1.50 better and accomplishing more, drinking less, paying their old debts and enjoying better health than ever before. They are doing more work because the secretaries of the different departments have given them to understand that idle clerks will be discharged, and have emphasized their meaning by turning some idlers out. Their improved health is attributable to the fact that orders have gone out that absence on account of sickness will be deducted from the thirty days summer vacation that has been given Government clerks. This order has had such a healthy effect that absence from alleged sickness has declined fully one hundred per cent. Indebtedness and drunkenness have declined, because it is understood that decency, competency and honesty will be insisted upon by this Dem-GEORGE H. HERGER, for Tray Grove, Optic and wal occatic administration. These reforms are best known by the Republican clerks themselves, but they are a kind of reform that reflects but little glory upon them or their party. No rogue will boast that he has It is pretty well known by the editor and predict that in about nine months from back, or any urinary complaint quickly curby the readers of this paper that their now, when the work of the first year of the ed. They purify the blood, regulate the Washington correspondent is no friend of new administration can be reviewed, a very the republican office holder. For the last favorable showing will be made, and it will ten years I have been trying to have him be found not only that a larger amount of discharged, and for the last eight years I work has been done, but that it has been have considered him and written of him accomplished more economically and with a smaller torce. In a month from now it is believed that very important changes will have been made. It has been found impracticable to make these changes as sallaries for eight years instead of four; or rapidly as was desired owing partly to the ever since the voice of the country dis lack of acquaintance of Mr. Cleveland and charged them by the election of Tilden his cabinet with the routine and the per sonnel of the different bureaus, and partly

No department of the government has been worse mismanaged than that of Agrition only on the supposition that those who culture. The late commissioner spent his in each district, and the school year comtime from June to November making mences at that time. An annual reorganispeeches for Blaine, and the new commissioner appointed by President Cleveland himself at the head of a ponderous and found that \$38 was the unexpended balance left him for carrying on the department for three months, or until the appropriations of the next fiscal year shall be-

plicants for office. But the knowledge ne.

How this state of affairs has been brought about is easy to see. There is no Washington until he came as President, doubt that funds have been largely used to writing when the board should meet. On ing but power and feeling to make it take It is not remarkable that he spoke in his promote the election of the Republican the 5th day of April the director who made hold on its readers. It is not remarkable that he spoke in his inaugural address of the painful sense of responsibility with which he undertook purpose of currying favor and gaining votes of curr the stupendous work. It would be very the salaries of employes in various states it to the 25th of March. The third direction fairly begun to breathe the air of his dreams easy for him to dawdle through his term have been largely increased. Thus, in one tor had no knowledge of this arrangement, and pose as president like his proper and instance, a man in the statistical depart at the time it was entered into. The 5th respectable predecessor, but the time dement out in Kansas had his salary raised pointed by the statute for the election of a manded different work from him-the from \$800 to \$2,000; while his chief in director. But the election was not held on work of reforming and simplifying a vast the bureau at Washington only gets \$1,500. that day, having been deferred to the 15th and demoralized bureaucracy and reducing This wholesale distribution of the funds of the month, when another person was it to an honest business basis. Ten weeks of the department for political purposes made the verbal agreement with the teach have passed and much has been accom- soon ran away with the appropriation, and er. A majority of the new board refused plished. A large number of the civil ser- to this as much as to any other cause the to sanction or recognize the contract, and it vice bureaus have been filled with good bankrupt condition of the Agricultural Budemocrats and good men. To the unre- reau is to be attributed. The original in Moreover, the old board of directors had flecting million this may have seemed an tent of congress in appropriating money no authority to employ a teacher under a easy task, but when it is remembered that for the distribution of seeds was to buy contract to be performed in the succeeding rare grains beyond the reach of ordinary agriculturists and so distribute them as to fication. The directors are expressly emimprove the character of our crops. In powered to appoint teachers and fix the stead of this, however, the recent commis, amount of their salaries, but they cannot stoner bought for free distribution ordinary seeds to be found in every seed store in the fication as provided for by the school law. to make the best selection. Most people I country. The true character of these compresume are aware that the mere fact of mon seeds was hidden under high soundhaving voted the democratic ticket does ing names, and they were sent by congressnot fit a man for office where he must per- men broadcast throughout their districts form promptly and creditably a class of for the purpose of making votes. For the teacher, who did not have the necessary work about which he knows nothing more last five years the bureau has not introthan he does about the Russian language. duced a single new grain of any value, nor When Mr. Cleveland came into office, the has it done one thing to aid the true interests of agriculture.

Eastern stationers are reporting large to do indirectly what the directors had no sales of imported tissue papers since the craze for making decorative arilcles of this increased amount of salary, the second contract was void. Id.

Hence return Remaindering how difficult it is to live, we should lave a flower upon the grave of Hugh Conwar with a smile. The pen dropped from his hand when it had but begun to inexpensive material began. This paper is produced in every conceivable shade and agree to pay teachers what in their opinion in gradation tints, and in the hands of ingenious persons of artistic tastes, undergoes wonderful transformations in plaques, flowers, fans, screens, dolls, bombonieres, mats, picture frames, grates and hangings. Ano compensation from the school fund. Id. ty were unskilled and unexperienced in ex- ther demand on the tissue paper trade are ecutive affairs. They have as yet only a the paper balls and parties where guests er remedy of a school teacher to recover general idea of what they have to do, and appear attired in picturesque costumes his wages is an action against the school composed of tissue paper.

It takes live men to make a live town. Dead men are only fit to inhabit cemete- ship treasurer is not the proper remedy ries. If they are really decently dead, dead Rogers v. The People, 58 Ill. 154.-Legal all over, tenderly lay them away in the Adviser. sleep of the tomb, but if they are dead to real enterprise and spirit outside of their the bureaus, vast offices employing from own selfish Interests, and yet persist in steian to a wealthy lady patient, "if you one hundred to six hundred clerks, and yet walking around, moving their dry bones don't like my prescriptions, perhaps you and calloused hearts and consciences where real vigor is wont to throb and push with tor," she answered, "but your advice may force, they are only like the drone bees. be good for all that. Sometimes what you In the way until they are stung to death and dragged outside the hive of industry. of Parker's Tonic and it cured her of neu-Twenty real live men are worth more to a ralgia arising from disordered stomach town and the public generally than a round and nerves. She told her friends, and now would be more rash and ruinous than to full thousand of such useless material that they all keep a doctor at home in the form fill these offices at once with unskilled men- lays around like rubbish in a rushing of Parker's Tonic. stream that is aching and foaming to turn mills and factories. Yes, live men bless and dead men curse a town.

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School Law.

Employment of Teachers for Current Power.—The statute has appointed the public's warmest attention. first Saturday in April in each year as the time for the election of a school director zation of the board of directors is required, and the intention of the statute is that the board organized for a given year shall exercise the powers and control the schools of their district during that year. Davis v School Directors, 92 III, 293.

One of the members of a board of school directors, on the 25th of March, made a verbal agreement with a person to employ following, this agreement to be reduced to less. elected in the place of the one who had was held rightly so; that a single director had no power to make such a contract. school year. Id.

Employing Teachers; Certificate of Quali employ a teacher who has not, at the time of such employment, a certificate of qualiand any contract made with a teacher not having such certificate is void, and is susceptible of subsequent ratification. Wells The People, 71 III, 532.

Where the school directors employed : certificate, to teach a school for six months. and after having taught three months, at a salary of twice the amount per month he at night; that hope, health, happiness, all was to receive under the first contract, it the sweet-voiced angels who walk with us was held, that the first contract was void, and that the new contract was an attempt Eastern stationers are reporting large to do indirectly what the directors had no their return. tract was void. Id.

At is competent for school directors to is not competent for them to go beyond that, and include in such compensation an additional sum to compensate for something else for which the law does not allow

Collection of Teachers' Wages.—The propdirectors of the district, and upon a recovery, to take out the special execution provided, and enforce it by attachment or mandamus. Mandamus against the town-

His Loss Was Her Gain.

"Well, madam," said a fashionable phyhad better try Parker's Tonic, or some other quack stuff." "You don't mean it, Doccall 'quack stuff' is the best and most scien-tific medicine, after all." She got a bottle

The seventeen-year locusts, which Professor Reilly predicted, as mentioned in Near the Illinois River Bridge. recent Washington dispatches, are reported to have been found in large numbers in Lawrence county, Southern Illinois. close to the surface of the ground and moving upwards. The indications there are strong that an unusually large swarm will appear in a short time. The same report adds that swarms of young chinch bugs also are appearing and threstening destruction to wha wheat remains not frozen out.

A DEAD NOVELIST.

Reflections on the Death of the Author of "Dark Days." [Original.]

The death of Hugh Conway, the novelist, recently, at Monaco, is a sharp reminder of the mutability of all earthly plans and prospects. It recalls the legend of the wish angel, who hovers continually about mortals, hearing them express their most cherished desires, He grants their wish sooner or later, but under conditions which strip it of all joy. He humbles human beings by giving them what they long for, and thereby proving the illusiveness of all dreams of happiness.

Very little is known of Hugh Conway, John Fargus. He lived, aspired, strove, and in some measure achieved, then died just as life seemed to open before him. That much is known. The ellipsis in the short chapter can be readily filled by the imagination of any one who knows how steep and rugged is the pathway that leads even to the boundaries He was only thirty-seven years old, had

had his share of struggle, self-denial, privation and baffled hope, of course, since none who strive are strangers to these dragons in Bristol, wrote "Called Back," a story now known to two or three hundred thousand readers here and abroad. It was published in Arrowsmith's Annual, and lay unnoticed on the London book stalls for weeks, and perhaps months. One day Henry Labouchère, going on a journey, picked it up to beguile the tediousness of travel. He read it, was pleased with it, and afterward spoke of it in Truth as a very clever story. Then all London wanted to read it, and did read it. The Annual was soon exhausted, and "Called Back" was brought out in a new form. A hundred thousand copies were soon sold, It was republished in this country, and had an enormous sale. It was dramatized and had a long run in London and also in New York.

As a work of art "Called Back" had its defects, but it also had what offset the destead of dipping flowers in water, they fects-an in infinable charm. It had force and feeling, the germ and life of all art. One felt that its author had a strong per sonality. It depicted no new phase of life, revealed no hid len things. It simply groupe i some old, old figures of fiction in a more besides, it would allow the moisture to evap. striking way. There was a flavor of psycho-Ligic mystery about it, and a surprise at th end of it. Toe characters which figure I in bads in wet paper, and send them as far it, and whose fate had such a potent charm west as Chicago, or St. Louis, where they are for so many thousands of readers were: A taken out even fresher than when they blind man who recovers his sight by the usual surgical operation, a beautiful mad woman, two very daring and successful villains, with a faithful nurse and one or two other ciphers in the shape of obscure servitors. Yet thendventures and entangle Year-What Board of Directors Here ments of these personages commanded the

A few months later "Dark Days" appeared. This had still greater success than its predecessor. Its beroine was also a beautiful mad woman, and it had a captivating surprise in the last chapter. It was steady, unmitigated tragedy from the first to the last word. It was spring to the project of depression to the project of the project of the steady would do well to call on us and get our figures. was serious to the point of depression, never deviating into the slightest approach to the comic or dippant. It was an intense story dramatically told in the first person. It had not a line of philosophy. Indeed, there was not a word in it unnacessary to the simple telling of a powerful tale. Its author had him to teach a school in the district for acted upon the old idea that a story should three months from the 17th day of April simply be a story-nothing more, nothing He demonstrated that it needed noth-

he died. Close attention to his work left him exhausted. Seeking recreation and rest, he went to Rome, and there probately con-tracted the anxieria which culminated in typhoid fever at Monaso, and ender his life, We, who see only that part of 1 fe which begins and ends here, look upon a sudden lopping off like this with sadness. It strikes us with mournful perplexity. Yet, it has been said, that some time we shall know that every life is complete. The symmetry and perfection of human endeavor are hidden from our finite eyes, but they may be there. It cannot be that all human endeavor is empty and unrewarded. Even what looks so to us may elsewhere have its full fruition, its long day of joy. The soul, that mysterious star of our life, which "cometh from afar," turns its back upon the prizes of the world that it may win greater ones in better coun-

Death, the ancient mystery, bides many a perfected dream beneath a coffin iid. deed, we may one day learn that he is kind-est to those whose eyes he closes while life is still bright to them. They who pass out of the contest before they are wounded are doubtless the cost blessed. Yet we are so untaught in wisdom that we bestow them pity and lamentations instead of felici-We speak of the sadness of a life ended when its desires were beginning to be realized. We torget that all honors are short lived, that fame is a breath which an adverse wind may dissipate; that fair prospeets may end in flerce storms; that joy may come with the morning and sorrow intrude here from time to time, have wings and fly away fitfully, whispering never a word of

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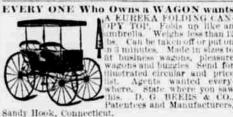
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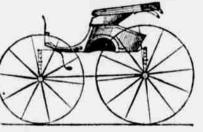
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